

Regular Council Meeting
January 25, 2007

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of January 25, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, and Ray Jackson. Also present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes. Council members Earl King and Charlie Simmons were absent.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no minutes presented for approval.

Mr. Clayton Adkinson requested a motion to hold 1st reading and to advertise for adoption the ordinance revising the boundaries of Hammock Bay's Community Development District. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the 1st reading and to advertise for the adoption on February 13, 2007, of the proposed ordinance revising the boundaries of the Hammock Bay Community Development District, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0. Mr. Adkinson performed the 1st reading.

Ms. Henninger presented the following planning items:

Presented an annual report to council regarding the development activity and comparing it to the two previous years.

Presented a request to revise Resolution 04-16 Freeport Fee Schedule. Ms. Henninger recommended charging a revision review fee after the initial development submittal as an attempt to cut down on the amount of revisions and reviews. After discussion, the revision review fee will occur after the initial development submittal and response to the City's engineer, or at the third review submittal. Mr. Adkinson will revise the resolution with the proposed fees and present to council at a later meeting.

Requested creating a part-time clerical position for the Planning Department. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to hire an OPS worker, for part-time assistance to the Planning Department, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Presented a draft copy of a monitoring report that needs to be sent to the Department of Community Affairs for the Rural Economic Development Initiative. Discussed the maps that Walton County GIS is working with the City in preparing. The maps that are being prepared will show the certified planning area as well as the Freeport enterprise zone boundaries that will not include recent annexations. Walton County GIS will assist the City of Freeport in creating the future land use maps digitally. Ms. Henninger requested approval to purchase a single license Artview program for approximately \$1,500 to run the GIS maps that the County will produce for the City. Councilman Helton motioned to approve the purchase of the software purchase for the planning department, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Reminded the council of the joint workshop with the Freeport Planning Board and the Freeport City Council on February 15 and the EAR workshop scheduled for February 20.

There was no engineer's report submitted. Mayor Marse informed the council that the City had been notified of receipt of a three million dollar grant for sewer projects.

Mayor Marse requested a motion to adopt a resolution of award for the Sidewalks Phase II project to Tindle Enterprises, the low bidder. Councilman Jackson motioned to adopt the resolution of award for Tindle Enterprises for construction of Phase II

Sidewalks to Blueberry Road, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0. Resolution 07-02 was adopted.

Old Business:

Mayor Marse informed the council that Jay Odom has agreed to lease property to the City for \$1.00 a year with a renewable lease for the purpose of creating little league practice fields. Mr. Adkinson recommended a simple lease for the purpose of athletic fields to practice with the City being responsible for maintenance of the fields and liability insurance – a one year lease with an option of the second year if necessary. This is not the park property that Hammock Bay is donating to the City, it is a separate property. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to authorize Mayor Marse to sign the lease for the construction of athletic fields from Hammock Bay Freeport 860, after Mr. Rhodes submits the legal description to Mr. Adkinson, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve to accept bids on a metal water department building for storage and offices, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

Ms. Haynes requested approval to provide office space and internet connection for the State of Florida to use a portable “FLOW” - Florida Licensing on Wheels. They would provide all of the services as the Division of Motor Vehicles, except the actual driving tests. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve providing office space for the purpose of the Florida Licensing on Wheels, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Haynes presented a request from Opportunity Florida to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the other RACEC members to participate in the catalyst project. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Opportunity Florida, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Marse requested approval to have the underbrush cleared from behind the swimming pool to Blueberry Road for \$1,150.00. Councilman Jackson motioned to have the area behind the swimming pool to Blueberry Road cleared for \$1,150.00, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, President of Council